



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held September 21, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“On June 15, 2004, this Board authorized the Departments of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Mental Health (DMH) to continue their collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Authority Services (LAHSA) in conducting two small pilot projects to assist homeless CalWORKS families in the Skid Row and San Gabriel Valley areas to find permanent housing and provide supportive services. These projects are proving very successful. These pilots connect families with public assistance, emergency housing, crisis intervention and counseling, employment services, as well as mental health, domestic violence, and substance abuse services.

“DPSS, DMH and LAHSA are collaborating to continue the two projects in the Skid Row and San Gabriel Valley areas and expand them by adding four more pilot projects in each Supervisorial District. Although DPSS and DMH had hoped to finalize their expansion plans by now, with the delay in the State budget, DMH just recently received its CalWORKs Mental Health Allocation for FY 2004-05. As the State has reduced this funding by more than \$3.5 million from last fiscal year’s budget, DPSS and DMH must determine their funding options and reevaluate their project expansion plans.

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“While funding options and expansion plans are being finalized, it is critical to again – at least temporarily – continue the two projects in the Skid Row and San Gabriel Valley areas so services to these families can continue, especially given how close the families are to attaining permanent housing. While no additional funding is needed by DPSS or DMH to continue the project, LAHSA has indicated additional funding is needed to continue providing services.”

Richard Robinson addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board authorized the Director of Public Social Services to amend the contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, to increase the maximum contract amount to no more than \$63,312.00 to continue its services on a month-to-month basis from October 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 to assist CalWORKs families in the Skid Row and San Gabriel Valley areas find permanent housing.

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